

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending this application. By this amendment, claims 10, 21, 32, and 35 are amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the personal interview conducted on October 28, 2002. During the interview, independent claims 1, 10, 21, 27, 32, and 35 were discussed with respect to the pending rejections. This Reply has been prepared based on the agreements reached during the interview.

Claims 1-5, 11, 27, 31, 38-41, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Billström et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,133) (hereinafter Billström). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 27 broadly recite features of the preferred embodiment. During the interview, it was agreed that Billström fails to disclose all the features recited in claims 1 and 27. For example, Billström fails to disclose at least a mobile switching center for executing a circuit data service, and at least one mobile data network interworking unit for establishing traffic channel when the mobile switching center performs circuit data service. Consequently, for at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 27 are allowable over Billström. Claims 2-5, 11, 31, 38-41, and 46 are allowable for at least

the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 27. Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 28-30, 32, 35, 36, 44, 45, and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Billström in view of Essigmann (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,391). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 10, 21, 32, and 35 broadly recite features of the preferred embodiment, and have been amended in accordance with the discussions held during the interview to more particularly recite features of the preferred embodiment. Consequently, as agreed to during the interview, the asserted combination of references fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, as required by Section 103.

For example, claims 10, 21, 32, and 35 have been amended to clarify that circuit data service is performed. Because the combination of Billström in view of Essigmann fails to teach or suggest this feature, it is respectfully submitted that a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be made. Claims 6, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 28-30, 36, 44, 45, and 47-49 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

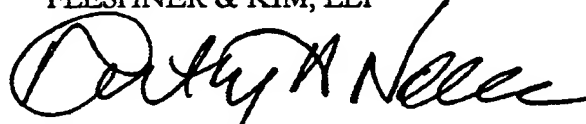
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional

changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Anthony H. Nourse, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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